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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Friday February 16th. to Monday February 19th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

C*Ray reſolve me why Covetouſneſs is called Idolatry by* St. Paul Col. 3. 5.

A. The Reaſon is obvious: For as the Heathens place their Confidence in Idols, ſo doth the Covetous Man his upon his Richels The moſt excellent Acts of Divine Worſhip are Love, Hope, Truſt, Obedience, which we owe to God; and he that confers theſe upon any Creature, in the ſame Degree, or in theſe, or in thoſe Actions in which they only ought to be aſcribed to God, muſt be as truly an Idolator, as he that payeth to any created Being any outward Acts of Religious Worſhip.

Q. Gentlemen, *I beg your ſpeedy Anſwer to this Letter; I am told a Pint of Brandy drunk at once, if the Perſon go to Bed and Sweat after it, is a good Remedy againſt an Ague, and it often cures. But I am not convinced that it is not a Sin to be drunk (for that will make me ſo to be ſure) altho it be for a Remedy in any Diſtemper. Is not this doing Evil that good may come of it; if this could be proved from Scripture to be lawfull, it would be a great benefit to*

Your Humble Servant N. N.

A. If Men were to be detered by ſuch Scruples, they wou'd be obliged almoſt wholly to lay aſide the Uſe of Phyſick; becauſe the greateſt Part of it is at firſt apt to diſorder Nature, and to diſturb and ſtupify the Faculties of the Mind, as well as an intemperate Draught of ſtrong ſpirituous Liquor, which is the very Thing that renders Drunkenneſs a Sin. For the only Evil in Drunkenneſs, is the Diſorder that it brings upon the rational Faculties, and that a Man is by Reaſon of the natural Effects of it guilty of Self-Murder. But yet Drunkenneſs loſes its Name, or at leaſt is no Immorality, when it is not properly a voluntary Act for the ſake of the preſent Senſual Delight, but apply'd as a Remedy or Preſerverative againſt a greater Evil, which cannot be otherwiſe well avoided, There may be Diſtempers which may cauſe greater Diſorders both in Mind and Body, than Drunkenneſs can do: and if a large Draught of ſtrong Drink is a better and ſafer Remedy for ſuch Diſtempers than any other Phyſick, there is nothing to forbid the uſe of it, For the ſtricteſt Caſuiſts will allow, that though it is unlawfull to do evil that good may comeof It, yet a leſſer Evil is lawful where a greater cannot be avoided without it.

Q. *If the common Opinion of our modern Aſtronomers be true, that the Earth moves round its Axis in the ſpace of 24 Hours, wou'd not the neceſſary Conſequence of this be, that all Clouds, Birds, and other Things that are ſuſpended in the Air, wou'd be ſeen to be carried with a ſwift motion from the Eaſt to the Weſt? For though the Earth carries along with it the Bodies that are upon it, yet it is abſurd to imagin that it can do the ſame to thoſe that are ſeperated from it. We may as rationally Imagin, that the turning about of a Globe or a Wheel ſhould cauſe all looſe Bodies that are near it to turn about with it. But as this is falſe in Fact, why ſhould not the other be ſo too.*

A. The Copernican Aſtronomers have ſufficiently anſwered this Objection by ſhewing, that as he that leeps in a Ship under Sail, has not only a Motion of his own for the Moment he is the Air, but alſo another Motion communicated to him from the Ship, by which he is carried along with

with it, towards whatsoever Part his own Motion may carry him; So a Bird, while it flies through the Air, at a Distance from the Superficies of the Earth, has besides its own proper Motion the general one of the Earth communicated to it, by which it is carried along with the Earth, towards what part soever it flies the mean Time, or however it may seem suspended in the Air. The same is to be said of Clouds and other Bodies within the Circumference of the Atmosphere; for farther than that we will not pretend to extend the Influence of the Earth's diurnal Motion. To make this matter more obvious to common Conception, let us imagine a Fish put into a Vessel of Water, which is to be carried along in a Ship. For as the Fish is moved along with the Water by the general Motion of the Ship, and yet in the mean Time either rest or moves in the Water, as if the Water it self were at rests also, and not carried along with the Ship: In like Manner Birds, and other Things in the Air, are so carried by the general Motion of the Earth, that they may either rest or move in the same manner as if the Air it self were wholly at Rest, and had nothing of the Earth's Motion communicated to it.

Q. *Be pleased to explain in your next the Cause of Mineral Waters, and of Hot Springs.*

A. If Water be carried with a rapid Course through Subterraneous Passages, in which are contained mineral Earths of no great Density, it is manifest it must bring away with it some of the lighter of the mineral Particles; and the Tincture of these renders the Water mineral. If there is a Mixture of any Sulphureous Bodies in the Water they render it hot, because most of them do naturally emit hot Fumes, which by Motion is increased.

Q. Gentlemen, *Why do you spend so much time in answering so many Humorous Questions, which are neither to the Informing our Minds, nor Improving our Manners?*

A. Why do you waste so much of yours, in sending us a Question to less purpose, condemning in us, what you practise your self. Had you seen the Articles of our Undertaking, you would have found our design was to mingle Profit with *Delight*, a Method, tho' disprov'd of by you, yet allow'd of by wiser.

Q. *A Man over and above Ceremonious is more Ridiculous than a Stupid, Ignorant, Impolite, Noisy, Blunt Fellow, in* George Airy's *Opinion. What says* Apollo?

A. Such a Complication of ill Qualities, which you mention, is very unsufferable, yet we are inclin'd to be of *George Airy's* Opinion. The Stupid, is a Fool of Nature's making, therefore rather an Object of Pity, than of Ridicule; the other are Fools through prejudice of Education, so not to be imputed to their Faults; but the affected Ceremonious Fop, is a Fool of his own making; the other are barely contented that they are Fools, but this takes a Pride in being one: And is at more Pains to convince the World he is one, than wiser Men do to be thought the Reverse. They are also the most Intollerable in Conversation, for the other affect not our Regard, but this by an apish Civility, in some Degree, engages it, to our great uneasiness. Besides he is the most Incurable: The Ignorant and unpolite may be better informed; the Noisy and Blunt be brought to better manners by Reprimand; but the affected, must be wholly transform'd, and taken entirely from himself, for how can Argument or Persuasion work upon a Man, who is sure he is in the Right. He is wholly unfit for Ingenious Conversation, since he is a tedious Parenthesis, which excludes a great deal of wiser matter. Therefore our more sensible People of Quality had rather suffer a little Rudeness in Address, than a prolix wast of Time in that Impertinence. Since such take a World of Pleasure, in conversing with themselves in a Glass, to render themselves agreeable, by adjusting of Action and Posture, we would advise 'em to aim at no farther Satisfaction, but to be thankful that Providence hath allow'd 'em so much beyond their Merits.

Q. Gentlemen, *Humbly intreating Pardon for requesting an Answer below the dignity of your Paper; but being therein encouraged, by reason of a Considerable Wager on your Determination depending, I hope you will hold me excused.*

T. *and* H. *being at Cards, it so happened that* H. *was* 9. *and* T. 10. *it being* T's. *deal,* T. *turned up a Knave, and* H. *had in his Hand highest and lowest.* Q. *Which had the Game?*

A. T. had the Game, for tho' *Highest* takes Place [illegible] Cards are play'd; but the turning up [illegible] an Advantage allow'd [illegible] is brought to account according [illegible] When but one [illegible] and a Knave turn'd up, the Game is at an end without farther Play.

POEMS.

Q. HAD *the Laughing Philosopher*
Ever but seen,
Our British *wise* Dons,
It had given him the Spleen,
Or else by continu'd
Expence of his Breath,
By this he had laugh'd himself,
Surely to Death:
To see us sometimes,
Hug th' Men and their Crimes,
Who make us their Tools,
Then deride us for Fools;
'Till they gain th' Ascendant,
And we prove Defendant,
Nay th' Idols adore,
We created before;
Why this is a Whim,
So odd and Precarious,
That non compos Mentis,
The Wise must declare us.

To cry up to Heav'n,
For Saviours and Patrons,
Such Nature *intended,*
For Shops and Green Aprons;

To mount 'em to Coaches,
All Gilded and Fine.
And there ſee t Boobies,
With Equipage Shine,
To raiſe mighty Taxes,
To keep 'em in Practice;
T' Impov'riſh our ſelves,
For Inriching the Elves,
And Fancy our Fate,
Lies in making them Great,
Our ſelves undone think,
If they chance to think,
When all that we find,
When th' account is up caſt,
Was to lay Loads upon us,
And to make the Wars laſt.

At length on the ſudden,
We alter'd our Fancies,
And what we thought Goſpel,
We found but Romances;
That 'twas Purgatory,
We'd taken for Heav'n,
And theſe we thought Gods,
Were all changed to Men;
We plainly did ſeem,
To've been in a Dream,
Where Images Fine,
Did ev'ry where Shine,
Ambroſia *and* Nectar,
And a Glorious Protector.
That gave Hope ſecure,
They'd allways endure;
But waking, all Fled
Swift away in confuſion,
And ſhew that we'd ſuffer'd
A wretched Deluſion.

Since then by wrong Handles,
We all things did take,
Which way ſhall we know,
That we now are awake,
And that we don't wander,
From Reaſon now more,
Than in thoſe Meanders,
We ſtray'd in before.
Since every Dream,
As real does ſeem,
And Images ſhows,
Which ev'ry one knows,
And Gravely we walk,
And wiſely we talk,
We Plot and Deſign,
Mine and Countermine;
Say how we ſhall know,
That our Reaſon we keep,
And are not as fatally,
Still faſt aſleep.

A. The way to diſtinguiſh,
'Tween ſleeping and waking,
Muſt be by our rightly
Compariſons making;
Tho' things do appear
So real in Sleep,
They never juſt touch
With ſound Reaſon do keep.
Prepoſt'rous and rude,
They odly intrude;
Our Policy's found,
To be on no Ground,
What e'er we advance, Sir,
It never does Anſwer,
But end (in Concluſion)
In wildeſt Confuſion,
The whole Satisfaction,
We have all the while,
Is to ſuffer Fatigue,
Diſappointment and Toil.

Thus Meaſures were taken,
For ending the Wars,
Which only cou'd tend,
To Fomenting of Jars:
Thus Projects were found out,
The Debts to diſcharge,
The Publick ſunk under,
Which made 'em more large.
And thus, they we thought,
Our ſafety had wrought,
And were our great Hero's
And brave *Chevalier's*;
Had no other Art,
At leaſt at their Heart,
But ſuch an one, which
Might make themſelves Rich;
But ſince now our *States-Men*,
Reverſe-meaſures take,
We've Reaſon to think,
We are all broad awake.

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, February 24. Adviſe that from Conſtantinople, they have a Report there, that the Turks have offered to accept the Mediation of Great Britain and this Republick for a Peace with Muſcovy, but 'tis likely that Expreſs has brought ſome Advices of another Nature; That the Miniſters of the Emperor have had a Conference with the Deputies of the States and the Lord Townſhend, on the affairs of Spain, and in perticular in relation to the Imperial Troops to be ſent from Italy, which the Court of Vienna has at laſt conſented to upon ſome Conditions; That they have alſo debated the Articles of the Neutrality of the Empire, but no Reſolution has been taken thereupon; That the Earl of Gallway having reſigned the Command of the Regiment of Horſe-Guards,

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the States of Holland have given the ſame to General Hompeſch, but the Government of Breda, vacant by the Death of General Saliſh, is not yet diſpoſed of; They have alſo appointed the Sieur Callenburg Lieutenant Admiral of the Maez'e in the room of the Sieur Allemonde lately deceasd,.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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